

**Table 27. Life expectancy at birth and at 65 years of age, according to sex: Selected countries, 1992 and 1997**

[Data are based on reporting by countries]

Country	At birth		At 65 years	
	1992	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>1</sup>
Male				
Japan . . . . .	76.1	77.2	16.3	17.0
Sweden . . . . .	75.4	76.7	15.6	16.2
Switzerland . . . . .	74.5	76.3	15.7	16.5
Canada . . . . .	74.9	75.8	16.0	16.3
Greece . . . . .	74.7	75.6	15.7	16.5
Australia . . . . .	74.5	75.6	15.4	16.1
Norway . . . . .	74.2	75.5	15.0	15.5
Netherlands . . . . .	74.3	75.2	14.7	15.0
Italy . . . . .	74.0	74.9	15.4	15.8
Spain . . . . .	73.8	74.9	15.8	16.1
New Zealand . . . . .	73.1	74.9	15.0	15.9
United Kingdom <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	73.6	74.7	14.3	15.1
France . . . . .	73.2	74.6	15.9	16.3
Finland . . . . .	73.2	74.6	13.9	15.0
Belgium . . . . .	73.1	74.3	14.6	15.2
Austria . . . . .	72.7	74.3	14.7	15.4
Germany . . . . .	72.6	74.0	14.5	15.2
Costa Rica . . . . .	74.0	74.0	---	---
United States . . . . .	72.3	73.6	15.4	15.9
Denmark . . . . .	72.6	73.6	14.2	14.6
Ireland . . . . .	72.7	73.4	13.5	14.1
Portugal . . . . .	70.7	71.6	14.2	14.4
Puerto Rico . . . . .	69.2	71.4	16.3	21.5
Czech Republic . . . . .	68.5	70.5	12.2	13.2
Slovakia . . . . .	67.6	68.9	13.1	12.9
Poland . . . . .	66.7	68.5	12.5	15.5
Bulgaria . . . . .	67.8	67.0	12.9	12.4
Hungary . . . . .	64.6	66.4	11.8	12.3
Romania . . . . .	66.1	65.3	12.7	12.7
Russian Federation . . . . .	62.0	61.0	11.9	11.4
Female				
Japan . . . . .	82.2	83.8	20.3	21.8
France . . . . .	81.4	82.2	20.3	20.8
Switzerland . . . . .	81.3	82.1	19.9	20.4
Spain . . . . .	81.1	81.9	19.6	20.0
Sweden . . . . .	80.8	81.8	19.2	19.9
Canada . . . . .	81.2	81.4	20.0	20.1
Italy . . . . .	80.6	81.3	19.2	20.2
Australia . . . . .	80.4	81.3	19.2	19.8
Norway . . . . .	80.3	81.0	19.0	19.4
Greece . . . . .	79.6	80.8	18.0	18.9
Belgium . . . . .	79.8	80.6	18.8	19.4
Austria . . . . .	79.2	80.6	18.1	19.1
Netherlands . . . . .	80.3	80.5	19.1	19.2
Finland . . . . .	79.4	80.5	18.1	18.9
Germany . . . . .	79.2	80.3	18.1	18.9
New Zealand . . . . .	78.9	80.1	18.6	19.4
United Kingdom <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	79.0	79.6	18.1	18.4
Costa Rica . . . . .	79.1	79.5	---	---
United States . . . . .	79.1	79.4	19.2	19.2
Puerto Rico . . . . .	78.9	79.3	19.4	19.9
Portugal . . . . .	78.0	78.8	17.5	17.9
Ireland . . . . .	78.2	78.6	17.2	17.5
Denmark . . . . .	78.0	78.4	17.8	17.9
Czech Republic . . . . .	76.1	77.5	15.9	16.6
Poland . . . . .	75.7	77.0	16.1	16.1
Slovakia . . . . .	76.2	76.7	16.8	16.6
Hungary . . . . .	73.7	75.1	15.4	16.2
Bulgaria . . . . .	74.8	73.8	15.5	14.9
Romania . . . . .	73.3	73.4	15.1	15.3
Russian Federation . . . . .	73.8	73.0	15.9	15.3

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Data from Puerto Rico are for 1998.

<sup>2</sup>United Kingdom includes England and Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland.

NOTE: Rankings are from highest to lowest life expectancy at birth for the more recent year based on the latest available data for countries or geographic areas with at least 1 million population.

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